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Betty Grable Tops Salary List For U.S. Women

Washington, June 12.—Charles Skouras, US\$810,000 a year Greek born cinema magnate, was listed Sunday night by the Treasury as America's highest paid corporation employee in 1947.

Betty Grable, with US\$208,000, was best paid of her sex in a list of more than 1,000 people who drew more than US\$75,000 in pay from corporations in 1947 or in the business and fiscal year ending in 1948.

It was the third consecutive year at the top for Skouras, although his compensation as President of the National Theatre's Amusement Company, Incorporated, and of Fox West Coast Agency Corporation was US\$175,300 less than they paid him the year before.

All the sums listed were before tax deductions.

Miss Grable and Olivia de Havilland were the only women among 47 persons credited as earning more than US\$200,000 during 1947.

Following Skouras were Vincent Rigoli, President of the American Tobacco Company, US\$484,202.

HOLLYWOOD EARNERS
Preston Sturges, film director of Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, US\$370,000.

E. H. Little, President of the Colgate Palmolive Peet Company, US\$330,000.

Among Hollywood personalities listed:
Raymond Miliand, US\$251,333; Rex Harrison, US\$219,700; Bob Hope, \$115,000; Douglas Fairbanks US\$135,000; Maureen O'Hara, US\$100,000; Tyrone Power, US\$231,027.

Arthur Toscanini drew US\$102,000 from the National Broadcasting Company.

Chester Gould, cartoonist of Dick Tracy, got US\$110,702 from the Chicago Tribune and New York News Syndicate.

Others with more than US\$75,000 included:
Patric Knowles, US\$82,541; Charles Laughton, US\$100,000; Phyllis Calvert, US\$100,000; Billy Wilder, US\$100,000, all from Paramount Pictures.

Laughton also got US\$83,333 from Vanguard Films Incorporated. Other incomes:
Peggy Corniss, US\$82,833; Richard Greene, US\$79,080; Anatole Litvak, US\$115,230, all from 20th Century Fox Film Corporation.—Associated Press.

Married For 7th Time

Harlan, Kentucky, June 12.—Seven times a bride, 80 year old Mrs Lucy Jane Johnson looked at spectators outside County Judge W. J. R. Howard's chambers where she was married this week-end and asked, "Why should I not get married if I want to?"

Mrs Johnson's newest husband, Isaac, is 75 and he has been married three times. They both reside at Mulen near the Bellharian County line. He listed his occupation as a labourer.

Court records showed Mrs Johnson's sixth husband, the late John Blevins, was 95 at the time of the marriage in September, 1945. Records did not show whether Mrs Johnson was widowed or divorced from her previous husbands.—Associated Press.

Bandit Chase On Lantau

Four Men Captured

An official statement issued this morning denying an attack on a Police launch off Lantau Island, states that actually land operations have been taking place against suspected bandits on the island.

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a Police party, commanded by SI Schirjatsky, went into action against a party of bandits due west of Shek Pik.

The engagement lasted several hours.

One bandit was killed and four captured. Four revolvers and a hand grenade were seized.

A Police rifle lost during an action on June 8 was recovered. There were no Police or civilian casualties.

Plane Disaster

Versailles June 12.—Three persons were killed and a fourth injured seriously today when two planes crashed into each other at the airfield here.

A former German Junkers transport, coming in for a landing, side-swiped a Nord-1100 that had just taken off with four passengers aboard.

The Nord was wrecked, but the Junker succeeded in landing safely.—United Press.

Big Four Meet In Secret DOCKERS TO GO BACK

SURPRISE MOVE AFTER DEADLOCKED CONFERENCE

Mr Vyshinsky Accused Of Talking Propaganda

Paris, June 12.—The conference of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers tonight went into secret session for what observers believed was a move to reopen real discussion on a plan for a settlement of the differences over Berlin. The official explanation for tonight's secret session, which began after four and a quarter hours' open discussion, was that the Ministers were discussing the procedure of the next meeting.

But conference observers said that they were increasingly convinced that behind the inconclusive surface of today's open session, moves were afoot to achieve a live and let live settlement in Berlin.

At their secret session the Foreign Ministers were attended by only one adviser each and an authoritative American source described the session as "the most restricted of the conference."

The Soviet spokesman declared that no decision had been reached on the call made by Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet Foreign Minister, for the drafting of a German peace treaty which would provide for the withdrawal of all occupation troops one year after its signature.

A United States delegation spokesman said that tonight's secret session was to decide what the Ministers will discuss at their open session which was scheduled for tomorrow, but which they have now agreed to hold on Tuesday.

The secret session was held in the private office, in the Rose Palace, of M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister.

Tonight's surprise developments followed a series of informal private talks between all the Foreign Ministers, including Mr Vyshinsky, within the last 24 hours.

MORE THAN SOCIAL
The Soviet Foreign Minister's dinner with the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, last night was authoritatively reported to have been considerably more than a purely social occasion.

Mr Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, "dropped in" on Mr Acheson at the U.S. Embassy earlier today and was presumably told of the results of Mr Acheson's talk with Mr Vyshinsky last night.

LONG ARGUMENT
For four and a half hours the Big Four argued about the Soviet Minister's proposal for each of the four powers to submit draft peace treaties for Germany to the Council within three months and withdraw all occupation troops from Germany one year after the treaty was signed.

The Western powers have rejected Mr Vyshinsky's proposal without qualification as being unrealistic.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, warned that before he could consider the withdrawal of troops in Germany he must know what kind of Germany was to exist.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, said preparation of the peace treaty must go hand in hand with assurances that security would be safeguarded.

It was Mr Acheson who pointed a finger at Mr Vyshinsky and accused him of propagandizing. Mr Acheson said it was pointless to talk about a peace treaty before there was unification of Germany.

Anyone drawing up a peace treaty with Germany in present conditions would be drawing up a fantastic document, said Mr Acheson.

"Acceptance of the Soviet document would be a cruel illusion for millions of Germans."

"We have a very grave responsibility to the world. Many millions of lives depend upon how this treaty is concluded. To use it as the plying of propaganda is a pastime I do not want to join."

POLICY STATEMENT
For Britain, Mr Bevin made a statement on British policy on the withdrawal of troops.

He declared that a withdrawal from Germany could not be considered until it was absolutely sure that security safeguards were satisfied.

Contrary to the assumption that Mr Vyshinsky had made, Mr Bevin added:

"The following is a fuller version of what Mr Bevin said: 'I want to make the United Kingdom's position quite clear. We are not prepared to commit ourselves to any time or period for the withdrawal of troops.'

"Like the rest of us sitting at this table we have had two wars with Germany. We want to know what sort of Germany it is going to be, what sort of methods there will be for keeping order, what sort of steps to prevent any dictatorship."

"It is not a question of Germany pure and simple which is involved, but the security of Europe. What we are willing to do is to consider the problem in the light of the evolution of matters in Germany and of the progress of the developments made in Germany."

"When the time arrives for the united Germany which is capable of accepting a peace treaty we should then know what the forces for the maintenance of order in Germany will be. We can then sit down with our three colleagues and carefully consider a date on which it would be safe for us to withdraw troops from Germany."

"I want to make this categorical statement because I do not want to get into spheres of propaganda. I am not going to play up to the Germans on this matter."

"I want to make a categorical statement of what Britain's approach is and I think I ought to make it now and put it on record."—Reuter and United Press.

Strikers Ask Guarantees

Berlin, June 12.—The Western Lord Mayor of Berlin, Mr Ernst Reuter, today urged the railway strikers to accept the proposed terms of settlement and end the strike.

Acceptance of compromise settlement terms has also been urged by the Western Allied Commandants.

At a meeting here today strikers' delegates passed a resolution asking the Western Allies for these guarantees:

(1) West sector railwaymen shall in future be employed only in the West sector stations and trains.

(2) East sector and zone railwaymen who took part in the strike shall also be employed solely in the West sectors.

(3) All arrested strikers should be released immediately.

(4) All dismissed UGO Union members should be reinstated.

(5) A special West sector railway police corps should be formed and Soviet-controlled railway police should be banned from the Western sectors.—Reuter.

EDEN RECOVERS

London, June 12.—The British deputy Opposition leader, Mr Anthony Eden, who collapsed at a United Nations Association rally in Warwick yesterday, told a news conference today that he was "completely fit again."

The friend said, "He looked quite well. He said that his collapse was due to standing in the very strong sunshine for more than an hour, and that he was now completely fit again."

—Reuter.

Leicestershires Due Here Tomorrow Morning

The first sizable reinforcements for the Colony's land forces are due in the troopship, Empire Halladale, tomorrow. They are the 1st Battalion, the Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

Also due by the same trooper is a detachment of the 4th Hussars, who come from Malaya, where they have been engaged in weeding out jungle terrorists since last September.

The Empire Halladale will tie up at Holt's Wharf at 10.30 a.m. tomorrow, and the troops, on disembarkation, will proceed in the first instance to Whitfield Barracks.

An Associated Press message from London says that 1,500 troops of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders sailed yesterday to reinforce the garrison at Hongkong. They left on board the 14,000-ton transport, Empire Trooper.

Congress Presses For Far East Policy Clarification

Washington, June 12.—Congressional pressure for "clarification" of the United States administration's overall Asiatic policy mounted this weekend in the wake of several significant developments on Far Eastern affairs.

Administration officials promised that Congress would be given an up-to-date and comprehensive picture of general American policy in the Far East very soon.

The acting Secretary of State, Mr James Webb, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee during hearings on Korean aid that he would ask the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, to do this as soon as the latter returned from the Foreign Ministers' conference in Paris.

Hearings on the administration's request for a US\$100,000,000 economic rehabilitation programme for South Korea brought into sharp focus the desire of many Congressmen for a fuller explanation of Asian policy, which could guide them in their action on individual matters.

Several members of the Foreign Affairs Committee have told State Department officials both in open and closed hearings, in the past few days that they would not be able to vote in favour of Korean aid or any other measures affecting the Far East until they had a better general idea of United States policy in that area.

Republican Representative Frances Bolton of Ohio was among the first to state his attitude when she remarked that Congress was being asked to approve Far East policy "piecemeal" without having "any idea what the general policy is."

In a subsequent closed hearing on Korea aid, other representatives joined in demanding a fuller picture before voting on specific measures.

Committee sources said this critical attitude was not confined to the Republican opposition, but many Democrats were found to be joining in.

Some Republican Committee sources asserted that the Korean aid measure appeared doomed. Administration officials admitted they were undergoing "very searching" and critical questioning. They believed, however, that they would be able to relate the Korean request to general Asian policy in a satisfactory manner and secure approval of the Korean aid bill.

"INCONSISTENT"
Some Congressmen asserted that the administration was being "inconsistent" in seeking foreign exchange but with goods which have a ready market in the areas concerned.

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S'hai Reds May Charter Foreign Steamers

Shanghai, June 13.—The Shanghai Military Commission is considering a scheme to charter foreign steamers for shipment of vital commodities to this city from other areas under the People's Government, according to press reports today.

The goods to be shipped here from other liberated areas will comprise about 200,000 tons of coal, three to five million cwt of edible oil, and from 60 to 100 million cwt of cereals each month.

The Bureau further hopes to pay for the charter not with foreign exchange but with goods which have a ready market in the areas concerned.

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EDITORIAL

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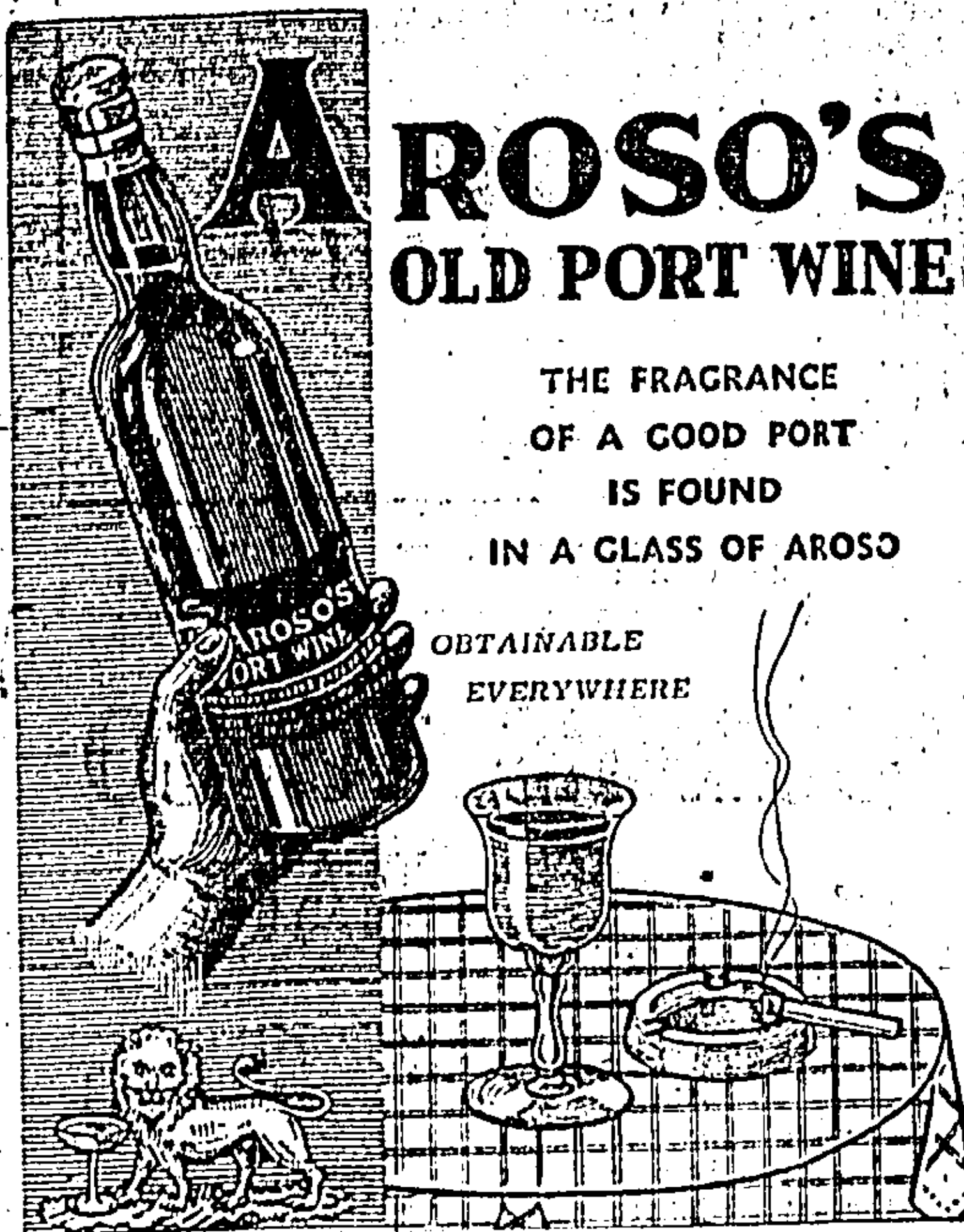
THE removal of an elaborate system of controls from Britain's consumers and manufacturers since the beginning of the year has greatly changed the scene at home. It is now possible to walk into any store and buy clothing, household linen, blankets and so on without having to hand over ration coupons. Yet there has been no rush to buy. Retail sales, according to official statistics, have not increased and traders are more anxious about keeping up sales than about obtaining supplies. A variety of explanations are offered for this state of affairs, but the most likely one is that it springs directly from the rigid economic policy which Britain has been following since the end of the war. "Austerity" is not a popular word, but the fact is that the policy was firmly applied and completely successful. The Government's own estimate is that domestic consumption of goods and services, after allowing for price changes, was almost exactly the same in 1948 as in 1947. For the current year it is expected to rise only by about 2½ percent. So long as money was abundant, consumption of a large range of articles was controlled by rationing; and many other commodities were, in fact, rationed by various types of control or allocation schemes applied at the level of the manufacturer. Now the country has had over a year of deflationary finance. A huge budget surplus has been collected by Government. In direct and indirect taxes or duties the State has withdrawn from the income of persons and businesses several hundred million pounds more than it has put back in the form of Government expenditure. What was left over has been used to extinguish public debt. This drain on private finances lead at

first to an increased use of savings and capital. By now the adjustment of lower incomes has been made and, large inroads have been made into capital, both by private individuals and by business firms. It was on this point of the financial squeeze that the Government decided to stage the "bonfire of ration books and controls". The timing was correct. The artificial restraint of paper-forms has been safely replaced by the traditional restraint of money. In industry the removal of many allocation controls has been welcomed mainly for the lightening of paper work. The most recent killing of controls alone was estimated to do away with 1,000,000 forms a year. It has been possible to reduce clerical staffs, both in Government departments and in business firms. That is a substantial gain, but more important is the revival of flexibility in the industries concerned. Ever since the early part of the war—for nearly 10 years—British industry has had to run along grooves firmly laid down for it. The controls tended inevitably to judge the rights and claims of each firm according to its performance before the war. And though this danger has long been recognised and the controllers have tried hard to release industry from the "1938 pattern", some rigidity has remained. In many cases the firms in a particular line of business resist the allocation of scarce raw materials to newcomers so long as they themselves are kept short, because they feel they could make efficient use of more materials themselves. This has been one of the most serious postwar problems of British industry, and it is by far the most important effect of the recent decontrolling policy that it goes some way towards restoring industrial flexibility.

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WOMANSENSE

**Woman with RAF brooch
has a secret**

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.

WHEN a grey-haired woman of 71, shopping basket in hand, joins a queue or walks round the shops there few people spare her a second thought—even to wonder about the RAF brooch on her coat.

More heads would turn and more stares follow her down the street if people knew that a few years ago Miss Jane Walker, the wearer of the brooch, was a "wanted woman"—with her photograph and description on posters all over Warsaw.

There for five years she was "wanted" by the Nazis—but always she was able to outwit them.

When the Germans marched into Warsaw she was a school teacher. They accused her of "helping foreign Powers," but let her go after six hours of questioning.



Jane Walker, "spy," leaflets in her stockings.

**MEDICINE
HAS A
NEW WORD**

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

IN the last few years a great new word has appeared in the medical world. It is called histamine. It is important, because histamine or some substance similar to it, is thought to be the common factor in allergic disorders from which so many people are suffering. It would appear that in persons who have an allergic disorder, such as asthma, hives, eczema, or hay fever, an excessive amount of this substance is formed when such persons eat foods or breathe in dusts or pollen to which they are sensitive. It is this excessive histamine that causes the allergic reaction.

There are certain drugs which are capable of diminishing or preventing the effects of the histamine. These are called antihistaminic drugs. When administered to patients, all of these preparations produce similar results. They differ, however, in several minor ways in the reactions which they may produce. For example, some of them may produce more drowsiness than others. Some, on the other hand, may produce wakefulness.

Allergy Symptoms

None of these substances acts very rapidly, according to Dr. David F. Marsh of West Virginia University. Furthermore, they will not prevent the symptoms of the allergy; they can be used merely to overcome or reduce these symptoms once they have appeared.

Relief of symptoms has been noted in such conditions as hives and hay fever, both the kind that occurs in autumn and the kind which occurs in the year round. In many cases of itching, these preparations have been found useful. Also, in some instances, the patient with asthma or eczema has been benefited. On the other hand, these preparations do not seem to do a great deal of good in cases of migraine, although these patients may be helped. Some doctors believe that migraine is due to allergy.

Given by Mouth

Capsules or tablets of these preparations are given by mouth. The dose varies, of course, with the age of the patient and the preparation employed. It would not seem advisable that these drugs be given for longer than eight weeks at a time.

Patients who are made sleepy, dizzy, or nervous by these drugs should not, while they are using these preparations, undertake activities requiring close attention or alertness, such as driving a car.

Other reactions may include mental confusion, weakness, or even fainting. There may also be sickness at the stomach or vomiting.

There can be no doubt that these preparations have a great deal of usefulness, but they should be employed only under the direction of a physician.

**QUICK BEAUTY
HAIR TRICKS**

YOU can make a very occasion a gala event just by dressing up for it—and that doesn't always mean a new dress and shoes. Whether you wear your hair short or long, little touches can add the kind of sparkle that reflects in your eyes when you know you look especially glamorous.

These little touches can be anything, just so long as they are gay and feminine. When it comes to femininity, ribbons are really in their own element.

Satin Bows

Victor Vito, New York hair stylist, does a glamorous flourish in the new empire style, brushing the short hair to give an upswept effect. Tiny satin bows are attached to a bicycle clip, which is worn at the back of the neck with the ends behind the ears.

The small, feminine bows cluster at the nape of the neck and behind the ears.

Long bows may be plaited into braids along with colorful satin ribbon. Pin your braids coronet fashion for a dramatic effect.

Haircombs that are loose and frame the face look twice as intriguing with a big Gibson bow placed high on the back of the head, near the crown.

The mature woman can glamorize her silver hair for halcyon evenings simply by placing pastel velvet ribbon around her neck wherever they look most effective.

Toys For The Child

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

MANY young children, in crowded apartment areas have no place to play. Unless they live right by an open space or park, these children should, of course, be taken as often as possible to safe outdoor play places. Most of them don't have adequate playthings for wholesome outdoor fun.

About the most widely useful plaything for out-of-doors is an express wagon. If your lot is three or four it might be economical to buy him an express wagon which he also can use at six or later. On the level he can pull his wagon, older children can haul him in it and he can help them haul things about. Around many a home are small pieces of wood, small stones or bricks, or such may be bought at a builders' supply place, at little cost.

Wading Pool

For children from two to five, a shallow wading pool may be improvised by sinking a tub in the ground. Of course, this could be dangerous for very young children if not supervised and the water could become filthy. It could, of course, be more fun for the lot, to wade if you took him to a brook or beach. A good slide is desirable, though hard to improvise.

The Swing

If there is the right kind of tree near you can improvise a rope swing or two. A handy support for several swings, made with two tall sturdy posts planted deep and a piece of metal pipe. Other children can also use this for a climbing bar, and against the post, a tree or the garage can be fastened a basket for basket ball throwing. There are on the market small baskets for children as young as four or five. For younger children from three to eight a metal pipe between two

And a sand box, which can easily be homemade, is good. Several years ago when our first grandchildren were beginning to toddle we had a large sandbox made. For four summers, from two to five of the grandchildren, now numbering ten, were with us for several months at a stretch. This box is ten feet square and has a foot-wide ledge around the top of it. We consider it the best plaything we ever have purchased for outdoors. We put into it several hundred pounds of clean white sand, which is stored when the outdoor play season ends. The box can be painted every year to keep a new feel just to have a truckload of sand dumped near the house. Even they may choose to build something around the edge of this pile. It's also wonderful to have a workbench outdoors, with ample tools.

**Little Boy Shorts and
Corsetlet Waist
For Teen-agers**

HOUSTON.—Pima cottons, waffle plaques and chambrays will go right on in the summer fashion line.

The leading styles in pima, a one-piece and a two-piece dress, for misses' sections, both feature tucking. In the one-piece dress there is a tucked yoke; in the two-piece wide tucking effects a yoke in the jacket.

Among the waffle plaques for teen-agers, are a full-skirted sunback dress with roll collar bolero, accented with lacing of self fabric through gold eyelets at the bodice and bolero shoulder line; a three-piece play group, consisting of a scalloped midriff bra, little boy shorts with scalloped hem and full skirt with corsetlet waist and back zipper.

Several families living near one another can co-operate in equipping a yard or open space close by with purchased or homemade materials, especially if they also co-operate in supervising the playground.

Household Hints

To clean decanter, put in it two tablespoons of vinegar and one tablespoon of salt. Shake it up well and rinse in cold water.

A little ammonia in the dish water, when washing very greasy dishes, takes a lot of unpleasantness out of the job.

Your Figure Should Look Neat



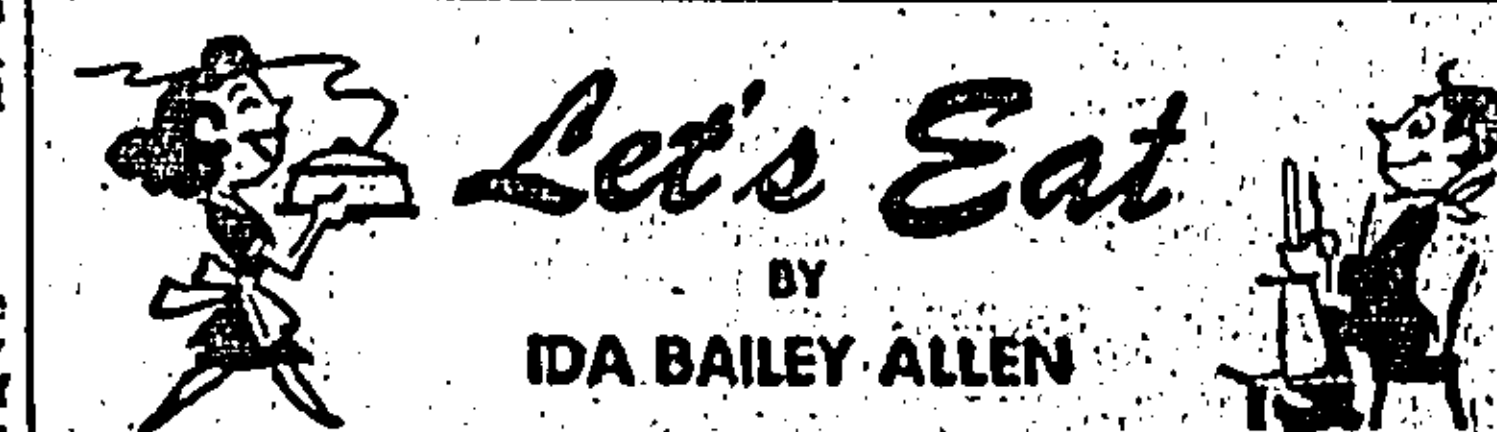
Clothes fit better and your figure will look neat and trim if you wear the proper foundation garment. Be sure it fits just right, feels comfortable.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE'S an old saying to the effect that a horse and a woman should be well harnessed. It applied especially in the days of the steel-riveted corset, but it also has meaning to the woman who is a bit rotund and must wear a girdle or foundation garment. It isn't enough to have the frock perfectly fitted. The underduds also must be smooth, correctly cut. Believe it or not, but there are women who have their panties made to order so there will be no folds at the waistline.

A foundation garment is an inspiration to carry oneself beautifully and fine posture is the making of a woman. It gives her style. The sloppy woman, who toddles along with her chest caved in, tummy out, shoulders forward, could wear the finest clothes ever stitched together and she wouldn't look like anything. Poor posture is the commonest of all good-looking mistakes; it is a great pity, because it can be easily be corrected by exercise.

Stand with your back to the wall, shoulders, heels and buttocks touching it. Then walk away from the wall. Is that the way you usually locomote? Ask yourself that question and, if the answer is no, it is time that you were doing something about it.



MEATLESS DINNER

"BUT how about a meatless dinner for a change?"
"That's all right, Madame. We have plenty of eggs. And we can start with a good substantial soup, perhaps a poegee of split peas, a cream of lettuce soup, or hot vichyssoise."

"I'd like to try something different that I've had in mind for some time, a succotash and tomato chowder."
"For that you will have to give me the recipe, Madame."

Succotash and Tomato Chowder

"Melt 2 tbs. butter, margarine or meat fat in a 2 qt. kettle. Add 2 minced peeled onions, 1 small diced green pepper, 1 c. corn kernels, 1 c. tomatoes, 1 c. meat, 1 c. milk, 1 c. cream, 1 c. salt, 1 c. pepper, a few grains nutmeg, or dillweed, and 2 bay leaves. Simmer 5 min. Drain and remove the bay leaves. Measure the mixture. Pour over the custard. Bake 30 min. or until firm in a moderate oven, 350 F. Serve at once."

Buttered Noodles

Break 1 lb. medium-sized noodles in 2 in. lengths. Add to 2 qts. salted water containing 2 bay leaves. Boil until tender about 15 min. Drain and remove the bay leaves. Measure the noodles and slightly brown 3 tbs. butter or margarine. Add 1/2 c. coarse white bread crumbs and slowly fry until golden brown. Pour half the crumbs and butter into the noodles. Use the remainder as a garnish with or without 2 tbs. minced parsley.

Pineapple Betty

Melt 3 tbs. butter or margarine in a sauce pan. Add 2 1/2 c. minced pineapple bits, 2 1/2 c. soft white bread crumbs, 1/2 scant c. granulated sugar, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon and 1/4 tsp. clove. Transfer to a deep, buttered 9 in. pie-plate and bake at 375 F. until the Betty is well browned, about 25 min. Serve with a sauce made from the pineapple juice. Then add 1 tsp. lemon juice. Serve hot.

Trick Of The Chef

When you use egg whites and want to save the yolks to stir into custard, whip the yolks and barely cover with a cold water. Cover and keep in the refrigerator. This prevents the yolks from drying on top. Use adding a little cooked brown rice or perhaps farina to give the yolks a thickening and a more substantial texture.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



BON VOYAGE—When Eugene Ormandy, right, conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, sailed for Europe, a lot of celebrities were on hand to see him off. Opera singer Helen Traubel, left, was there with Margaret Truman, Orville Bullitt and James Petrillo.



SEEKS SPIRITUAL CURE—Little Thomas Burke, of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, has suffered from birth with a paralytic ailment. He is shown in New York before flying to Portugal to seek a cure at the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, near Lisbon. Doctors have said his ailment is incurable.



SITTING, BUT NOT PRETTILY—These two feline models in New York look a little annoyed at their pose. Siamese kittens generally prefer to sit on something other than fashionable shoes.



ALWAYS GOOD NEWS—Housewives crowd round the front of a shop in Berlin. The sign announces: "Because of the blockade lifting, prices of goods from Western zones are reduced 10%."



IN SHAPE—Dorothy Abbott, in Hollywood, keeps fit with boxing gloves. The two-piece plaid swim-suit is of cotton.



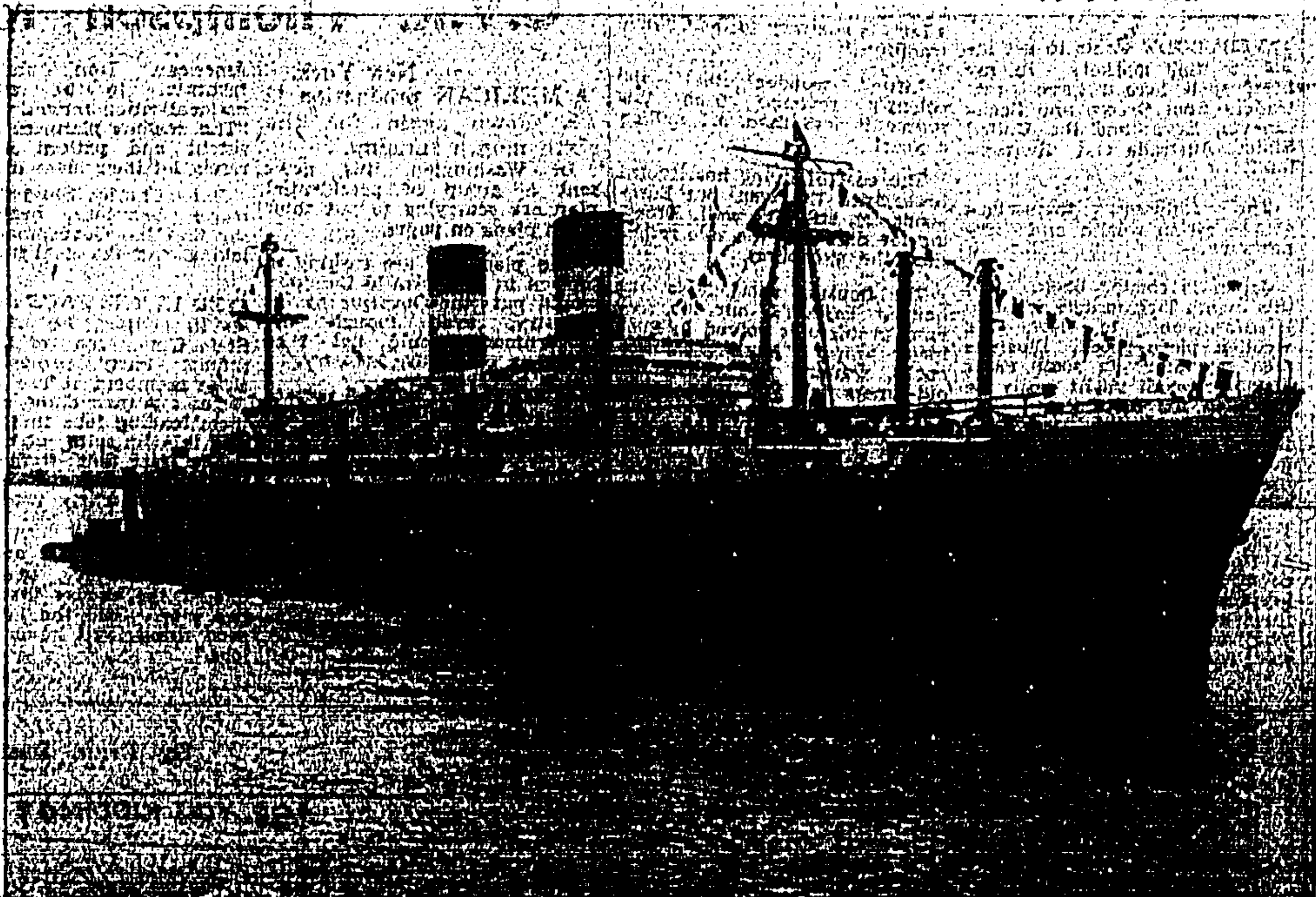
BLESSING OF THE BLOSSOMS—Cherry orchard owners and workers meet annually, near Traverse City, Michigan, to have the blossoms blessed. Divine protection is asked against the late frosts of the region. The ceremony is a forerunner of the National Cherry Festival held in July.



HE'S THEIR MODEL—Hollywood's Angelo Bizzozzi, 40-year-old model, shown at Coney Island, New York, are four pretty models. They celebrated Bizzozzi's 21st season at the amusement centre by naming him their "model" man.



BACK IN THE RING—Middleweight fighter Rocky Graziano is introduced to a crowd at New York's Madison Square Garden. This was Rocky's first time back in a New York ring since his suspension from boxing in that state was recently lifted.



RECONVERTED TRANSPORT—After being refitted for passenger service at Pascagoula, Mississippi, the 18,000-ton SS LaGuardia moves up the Hudson River, aided by tugs, to a pier in New York. Thousands of U.S. troops travelled on the vessel during the war when she was an Army Transport.

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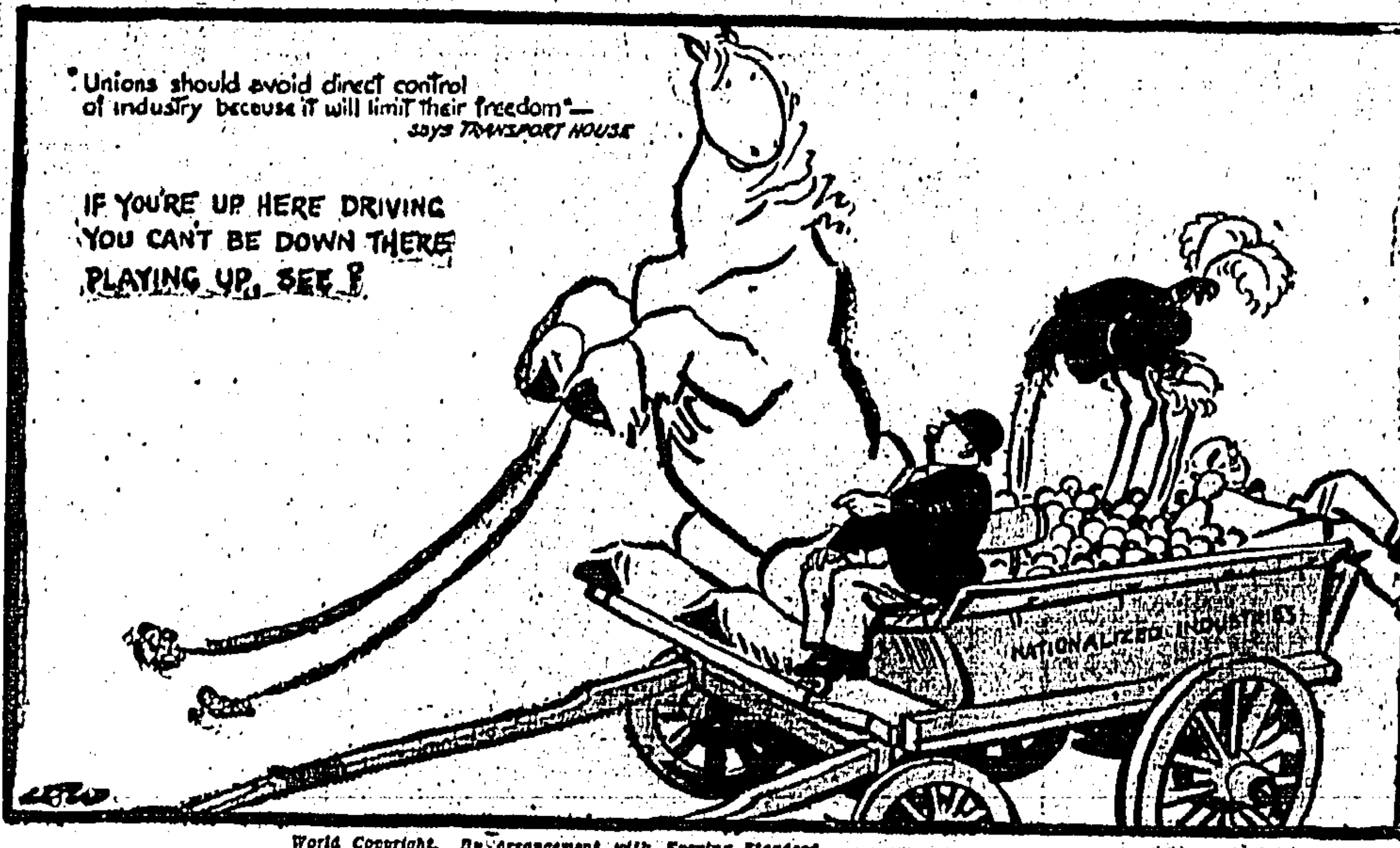
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A BRITISH JOURNALIST LOOKS AT HONGKONG: BUSINESS BOOMS AS GUNFIRE NEARS

BY ERIC GREY

Foreign Correspondent of the Daily Express
(London), who recently visited Hongkong

ACROSS the water from the mainland they are building Hongkong's 144th bank. It is to be the largest and highest on the island—and will cost £1 million. The blueprints are ready for the new airport at Deep Bay—and that will be laid out at a cost of £3 million.

And why not? For its size and population, this is Britain's richest, most prosperous colony, the trade mart of the Far East, the city where merchants count their coin in lakhs—by the hundred thousand.

In their modern guise of cheques and trade returns, the treasures of Cathay we read about as children, the silks and carpets, rubies and emeralds, glister and sparkle here today as never before.

Into this port, which the Chinese call "Fragrant Anchorage," came close on £34 million worth of goods in the first quarter of 1949, an all-time record.

Out of it, in ocean-going vessels, river steamers and countless, river-poled, brown-sailed junks, went £30 million worth of exports. The turnover has quadrupled since pre-war days.

A round quarter of this trade is with the Commonwealth. Britain's own visible share is 14 percent of the imports, 8 percent of the exports. But the profits on banking, shipping, insurance, which flow to London from Hongkong run into many more millions.

BUSY PORT

EVERYBODY wants to get in to this market. In my brief spell here I have met traders from Greece and Scandinavia, Egypt and the United States, Australia and Switzerland.

The Chinese themselves eclipse all in wealth and importance.

Japan is coming back, too: this month large orders went to Bradford—and to Kobe—for woollen piece goods. Business men say that in some cases Japanese goods might easily be mistaken for British, so they are asking British manufacturers to weave their names and "Made in England" into the edge of every yard shipped out here.

Now what would the people of Hongkong be doing with all these goods? Answer: They keep less than ten percent for their own shops and factories. The rest is stored, repacked, sold, reshipped.

Hongkong is the warehouse of the Far East. There is seemingly no end to the markets it serves. One firm I know of here ships a ton of gold Swiss watches into Hongkong every week by air.

There are 400 million customers across the border alone—and the China trade is only one quarter of Hongkong's business these days.

RULE OF LAW

THE world-wide shortage of goods which followed the Pacific war is one of the reasons for the Hongkong boom. But more important is the colour of the flag which flies over Government House and the uniform of the policeman who greets you at the airport.

Neighbouring countries are torn by civil strife. No man's life or property is safe. British rule in Hongkong spells stable currency, plus law and order.

And Hongkong is a free port for free traders. There are no Customs duties to pay save on tobacco, spirits, and petrol. Income tax is 2s. in the pound.

You can, if you so choose, pay it on a personal assessment instead of on business profits, and so benefit by allowances in the case of a married couple with two children these run to £875 a year.

The Blue Book says: "Compulsory disclosure of private affairs is contrary to the Chinese tradition."

Little wonder that the colony's revenue from this source is less than £1 million a year!

The cost of living has trebled here since the war, but Europeans can still live well. Dressing for dinner is the rule rather than the exception.

The housing shortage is as bad as Britain's, but the servant problem is solved by that magic word "boy." Chinese cooks, waiters, and valets, the old-timers tell you with pride, are the best in the world (and also, probably, the cheapest).

FUN FOR THEM

BOOM citizens spend their week-ends having picnics on the southern side of the island, taking a dip in the China Sea, or going to the races.

Nevertheless, the British trading community as a whole intends to see the crisis through—
if it comes—just as British businessmen have remained in Tientsin, the great trading river port of North China which the Communists now hold, in Shanghai, in Nanjing and Peking.

The reason—as put tersely by a leading British banker here to me is: "If we get out now, we will not get in again."

The British consuls have stayed behind in these cities, too. So far the Communists take no notice of them, but they are willing to trade with Hongkong.

TRADE RIDDLE

IF 25 percent of the colony's imports came from China in the first three months of 1949, it is largely thanks to barter deals with these new Communist rulers in the north.

It is danger from within which threatens the Colony. Hongkong has a population of about two million. Ninety-seven percent of its inhabitants are Chinese.

And it is certain that many of them will reveal themselves as "sympathisers" as the Communist armies push south. This has been the case with every mile so far gained by the Chinese Red armies.

For Hongkong, the danger signal will be the capture of Canton, 80 miles away. Civilians have already been advised to get out.

C.V.R. Thompson reports the American scene

NEW YORK. American Iron and Steel Institute, to be alert for nationalisation moves. Said he: "The zealous planners are persistent and patient and they rarely let their ideas die."

But Charles Sawyer, Commerce Secretary, hastened to say that the Government is not taking over the steel industry.

RED IN THE FACE as well as in politics, the New York State Committee of the Communist Party protested that some members refuse to admit Negroes to their clubs, or to give them leading jobs in the Party. And this in spite of the well-known fact that "the Negro liberation movement" is a main point in the Party programme.

A DALLAS MAN accused of living with two wives, offered the excuse that he had two jobs. Said the judge: "A good thing you haven't three jobs."

William Hickey



London.

POLITICIANS who have been around the bookshops are asking themselves:—

Did someone drop a hint?
or
Who is the man with the politically prophetic eye?

For, published in the widely circulating Britain in Pictures Series, are three new volumes called simply: "The Conservative Party," "The Liberal Party," and "The Labour Party."

All are by different writers. The blue wrapper on the Tory book, and the yellow one on the Liberal book each tell the reader not to miss the volume on Socialism in the same series by J. P. W. MALLALIEU, M.P.

And then when you pick up the Socialist book (in a brown wrapper), you find it is by GLENVIL HALL, Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

The plangent point is this:—Just how soon before MR. ATTLEE deprived him of his job as F.P.S. for his out-of-step vote on the Irish question did Mr. Mallalieu find he was unable to write "The Labour Party"? Or is Mr. Glenvil Hall a very fast writer?

ALL political waverers should be directed to the New Yorker magazine which devotes first editorial place to what seems at first a matter far removed from Manhattan and the magazine's sophisticated subscribers.

It concerns the recent efforts of Major OLIVE BOSSOM to secure election to Kent County Council.

Says the New Yorker:—"Inside the pamphlet, a letter to the public says: 'In face of the waste of needless waste and extravagance now passing over the country, it is obvious that never was economy with progress more essential... Conservatives on the county council are determined to get for ratepayers the maximum value for their money. We must cut out all needless extravagance and waste.'"

The magazine goes on:—"We reprint this at some length because Major Bossom, we feel, could set an example for Conservatives in this country, where practically no one is running for or holding office, and certainly no candidate in his early thirties, dares pronounce himself a Conservative (Senator Taft calls himself a Liberal), and where any reference to needless extravagance and waste is considered tantamount to political suicide."

Major Bossom got in. It would pay others to follow his advice. Britain is getting tired of people who like JOHN BUNYAN'S water man, are "looking one way and rowing another."

The Jamaicans have a proverb: "Rock stone on river bottom never feel hot sun." Too many of those who seek our votes are afraid to bring their full beliefs into the glare of the sunshine.

OUT on tour, the Philadelpia Orchestra has been having an unexpectedly chilly welcome. At Sheffield

there were many empty seats and advance bookings for Manchester were disappointing.

Their impresario HAROLD FIELDING decided to cut his prices. Guinea seats by 6s. and 15s. seats by nearly as much.

Result: An audience of 5,700 in the 6,000-seat hall.

AT Covent Garden business is good. Another operatic record goes to KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD. She has waded through the exhausting role of Isolde for the 150th time—which no singer has ever done before.

Great cities in half the world have heard her sing it: Paris, New York, Milan, Vienna, Prague, Buenos Aires. She is now 53, tremendous all-round personality and size. Theatrical superstitions do not worry her. Most of the day she spends in a bright green silk dressing gown—often staying in bed until after lunch.

Photographers she always discourages. "No, thank you," she will say. "I have lovely one taken ten years ago."

WHEN travelling by train do you "require" seclusion to study documents of importance? If you do and want to have a compartment for yourself (presumably First Class) you will have to buy six tickets.

But not if you are a politician in office. For this curious phrase quoted above is Railway's "Excess" language to explain that Ministers of the Crown have the privilege of being able to reserve an entire compartment.

Orders are given that no one else is to be admitted, a fact which at the moment seems to be annoying MR. WILLIAM P. LEE, Tory Agent for Ripon. Lee was asked to leave his seat on an express train from London because MR. TOM WILLIAMS, Minister of Agriculture needed his seat.

A judge travelling on circuit has a similar privilege of a Minister. So has a top-rank diplomat.

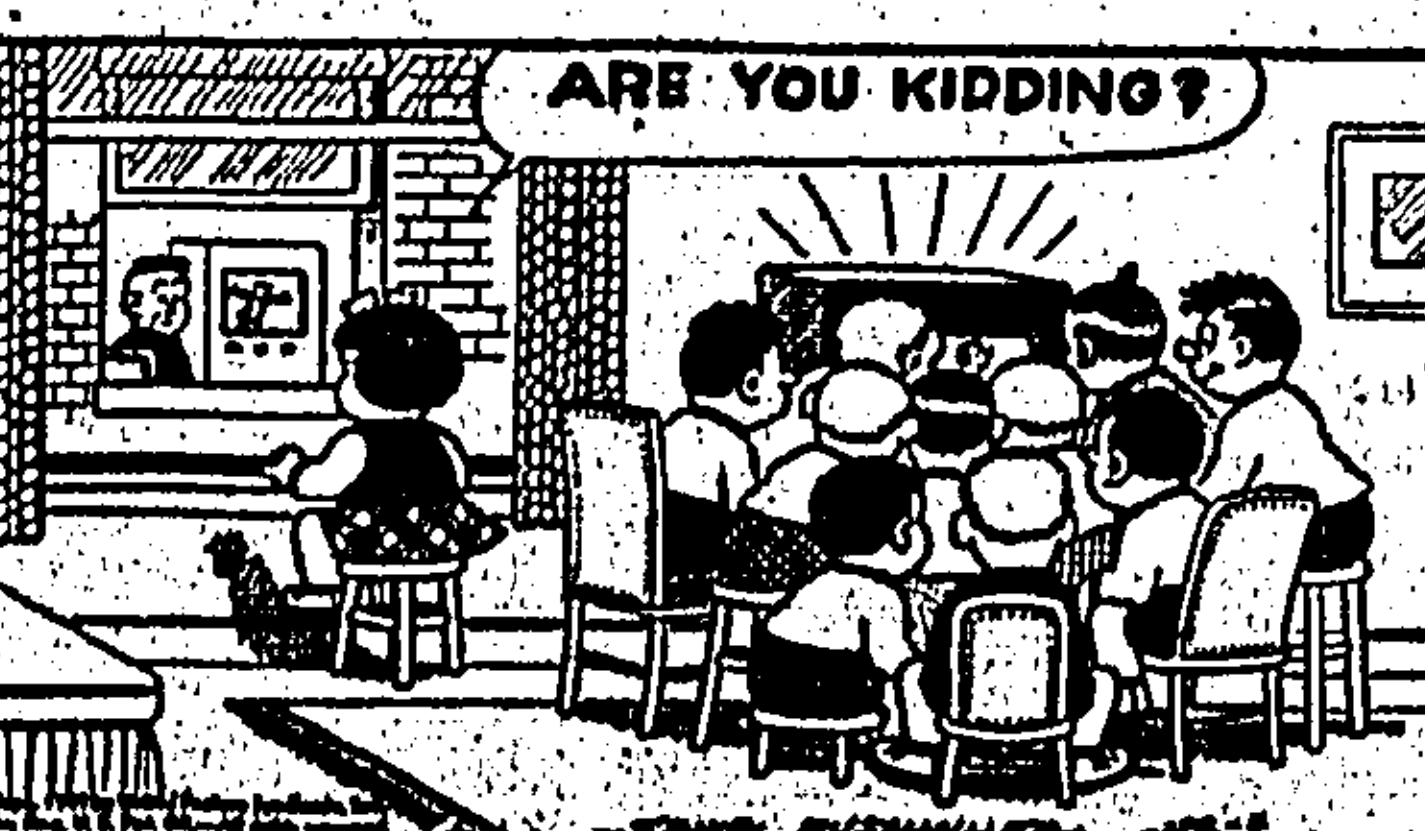
These fortunate travellers pay no extra for the seats they do not use.

PROBLEM of parent hood as overheard at that ELISA MAXWELL party: "I told the doctor frankly 'It's these indescribable toys—they're giving my child a frustration complex.'"

—(London Express Service)

NANCY

Ain't It the Truth?



By Enrie Bushmiller



Colonialism In Asia

"Coming To An End"

U.N. AS ALLY IN MARCH TO FREEDOM

Lake Success, June 12.—The United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, said today that the "hysteria" over the East-West conflict would diminish if the world would recognise the "greater, long-range significance" of colonialism and human rights.

Mr. Lie said: "The moment we examine [these developments] we shall find that we can deal with our East-West troubles with less hysteria and with more sanity, for these troubles will then be seen in their proper proportions."

Strike Call Goes Out To 6,000,000

Rome, June 12.—Italy's giant Confederation of Labour has decided to call on all its 6,000,000 members throughout the country to stop work for one hour at a time yet to be fixed.

This stoppage would be in sympathy with the 1,500,000 striking farm-workers.

The Confederation had already called for a 24-hour general strike in all Italian country areas next Wednesday to back the farm-workers strike, which it described as "the most heroic and vast struggle in the history of Italian labour."

Today's move for a nationwide one-hour strike came after the breakdown yesterday of discussions on the farm-workers' claims.

The negotiations, which were believed to be on the verge of a successful compromise over Union demands for a national wage agreement, broke down on other issues, mainly cost of living increases.—Reuter.

Violence Stalks Strike

Rome, June 12.—Two more deaths have resulted from the 26-day-old strike of Italian farm workers.

One occurred today near Bologna and the other on Saturday near Milan, dispatches from those points reported.

This brought the death list to four. Hundreds have been wounded and hundreds arrested. The strikers are demanding a national wage contract providing better pay and more family benefits. They want their pay raised to a figure near that prevailing in industry. The farm workers are one of the worst paid categories in Italian labour.

The strike is backed by both Communist and non-Communist National unions. Dispatches from Bologna said Leftist labour leaders there declared they would call a general strike in Bologna and province on Monday because of today's trouble there.—Associated Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Most of my ancestors were doctors, bankers and lawyers—Uncle Henry here was the only one who ever did anything worth mentioning!—He was a cowboy!"

Insurance Co.'s New Directors

Annual Meeting

Messrs Paul V. McNitt, Kan Tong-po and B. Foster Hall were unanimously elected to the board of directors of the American International Insurance Company Ltd at the 14th annual general meeting held at Queen's Road Central this morning.

Mr C. V. Starr (Chairman) presided and in his report disclosed that the amount of life insurance in force at December 31, 1948 was nearly ten times that in force at the end of the year before.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:

At the company's 13th annual general meeting, your chairman, Mr. Litchfield, informed you that your directors proposed to resume active development of the company's Life Insurance Division, especially in Hongkong, Malaya and Thailand.

Following this plan, the company in 1948 established life branches in both Hongkong and Singapore. The Hongkong Branch now supervises all life insurance sales in this Colony and in South China, while the Singapore Branch has extended its activities throughout the whole of Malaya. As a result, the company's life premium income during 1948 increased by 812 per cent over that for 1947. The amount of life insurance in force at December 31, 1948 was nearly ten times that in force at the previous year-end.

During the year, plans were completed for the establishment of a life sales programme in Thailand, but were not activated until early 1949. For this purpose, the company was fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr H. H. Fries, as Life General Agent for Thailand. Mr Fries has long been associated with the American International Group and, prior to the war, was manager for the United States Life Insurance Co. in Malaya.

A substantial amount of personal accident insurance was written in connection with the life business and is included in the Life Revenue account. In an aggressive life insurance programme such as that upon which our company has embarked, first year acquisition costs tend to deplete surplus funds. This is a condition common to all companies during the early phase of life insurance development. However, with life renewal premiums beginning to build up during 1949, your chairman and directors expect that the increased low cost income from such renewals will offset first year costs in 1950 and ensuing years.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Plans for development of the company's Fire, Marine and Accident businesses, to which it will refer later, were formulated during the year, but for the time being it was considered expedient to fully reinstate such risks as were offered and to concentrate on the development of the life portfolio.

Since the company's Fire and Accident businesses were completely reinsured, no liabilities exist for these classes, and no reserves are required for unexpired risks. Most of the Marine commitments were also reinsured but some small risks were retained for which reserves are provided in the Marine Insurance Fund.

Reserves for Marine and Accident claims intimated but not paid have been returned to the respective Revenue Accounts. These were originally set up to meet possible liabilities for unreported claims which might have occurred during the war years. All such claims are now believed to have been reported and paid.

The General Reserve is unchanged at £60,000. All fluctuations in investment values and exchange have been adjusted through the fluctuation reserve, which now has to its credit £6,320-5-2d.

The next statutory valuation of the Life Assurance Fund is due on December 31, 1950. Meanwhile, life reserves are maintained at safe approximate figures.

This year will see more active development of the company's Fire, Marine and Accident businesses, both direct with the public and through the company's subsidiaries and affiliates in the American International Group.

Life Insurance, however, will continue to be the company's first interest. In addition to opening up in Thailand, your management, early in 1949, established life agencies in Sarawak and British North Borneo. When conditions in Java permit, it is intended to develop life insurance in that territory also.

At a meeting of the board of directors on December 18, 1948,

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

Present at the meeting were: Messrs G. V. Starr (Chairman), G. M. Hughes, K. E. Tse, B. Foster, Hall, C. H. Duff, O. R. Gault, and A. Garcia (Acting Secretary).

BLIND HONOUR STUDENT



Bonifacio Yturbe (above), 21-year-old blind honour student of the University of Nevada, was presented with the coveted Herz gold medal for his straight "A" averages in four years of College. He is shown here reading notes in Braille. His average was the "first perfect" in the memory of veteran faculty members.—AP Picture.

World Spending On Espionage

MAGAZINE'S REVIEW

Lake Success, June 12.—The "United Nations World," an independent publication, in an appraisal of world espionage, said today Russia was spending \$110,000,000 a year on intelligence and counter-intelligence activities and employing 12,800 operatives.

It contrasted this with the United States expenditures of \$60,000,000 and the United Kingdom's \$56,000,000.

The publication said: "At least six major Soviet organisations are engaged in secret intelligence work. Section XII of the Ministry of Internal Affairs is Russia's highest ranking intelligence and counter intelligence agency.

"The top ranking political intelligence department is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and consists of two branches. Most of the collection is done by Tass, whose function abroad consists far more of collecting and relaying reports than of pursuing conventional duties in international journalism.

"The current chief of the Soviet diplomatic intelligence is Yakov Lomakin, former Soviet Consul General in New York. The highest ranking Soviet intelligence officer has been identified as Lieut. General P. M. Filin. He supervises all intelligence outlets abroad.

"The major foreign bases of espionage are Paris, Havana, Caracas, Mexico City, Buenos Aires, New York, Damascus, Cairo and Shanghai.

"The favourite camouflage of first-rank spies is the diplomatic cover. Most of the agents are assigned to Embassies and Legations. Conflicting evaluations on high levels and competitive coloured information submitted by over-zealous or opportunistic operatives represent the chief deficiencies of the Soviet intelligence organisation,"—United Press.

Mr G. W. Brazier submitted his resignation as managing director. The Board accepted Mr Brazier's resignation with regret and at the same time appointed Mr G. M. Hughes as managing director. Brazier, however, continued as a member of the board. Mr R. Shim resigned from the Board of Directors, effective April 15, 1949, and due to his expected permanent absence from Hongkong, Mr H. G. W. Woodhead, CBE has submitted his resignation as a director, to be effective June 7, 1949.

At this point, I should like to express my own appreciation and that of the other members of the board to the company's home office staff for their loyal and efficient services. In these premises, Mr Horace Wang, manager of the Life Division, Mr Y. S. Chen, actuary, and Mr Y. C. Koo, chief accountant, deserve particular mention.

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Soong's Visit To Paris

Soviet Newspaper's Speculation

Shanghai, June 12.—The recent trip of Dr. T. V. Soong, former Chinese finance minister, from Hongkong to Paris, was not for the purpose of purchasing arms for the Nationalist Government or for the underskings of any political negotiations, according to a report in the local Soviet newspaper New Life.

His mission, the story said, was to find suitable residences in Europe for members of China's four leading families—the Soongs, Kungs, Changs and Chens—and "their running dogs."

Soong is alleged to have bought or leased about 100 villas in Southern France for himself and his brother-in-law, H. H. Kung, who is at present in the United States, and other "second rate actors" such as Shanghai's ex-Mayor, K. C. Wu.

He is also reported to have bought or leased 25 castles or villas in Barcelona, Spain.

The report alleged that Soong's present visit to the United States was to consult his sister, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, and Dr. Kung, on how to invest their fortunes. It mentioned Archbishop Paul Yuxin, the leading Chinese Roman Catholic cleric, and the Chinese Ambassador Dr. Wellington Koo, as the main agents of the four families.

Some of the money might be invested in South Africa's diamond industry, the story added.

So far, nine members of China's "Big four" families have embraced the Roman Catholic religion through the efforts of Archbishop Paul Yuxin, the story said.—Reuter.

Czech Reds Next To Be Purged?

London, June 12.—Czechoslovakia stood out conspicuously today as the only Eastern European country which had not yet purged her Communist hierarchy.

Prague Reds have reason to be nervous. A. M. Malenkov, a vice-premier of the Soviet Union, secretary of the Soviet Communist Party and godfather of the reform, recently spent some time in Czechoslovakia. Malenkov is reputed to have the power to order the purge of anyone he believes is showing "deviationist" or "nationalist" tendencies.

Five major Communist leaders in the satellite nations have already been thrown out of their jobs—a stern warning to their colleagues to adopt "safer" tactics.

The examination of consciences started in Rumania in January last year, when the Communist Party officials had been completed and a check-up on Party members themselves had begun.

In Poland, a case of "nationalist deviation" was built up against Wladyslaw Gombor, a first vice-premier, "strong man" of the government and secretary of the Communist Party. His resignation followed.

Two months later, the Albanian Communists expelled their vice-premier, Koci Xoxe, who was also Minister of the Interior and, as such, Albania's super police chief. On Saturday, an Albanian court sentenced him to death for alleged espionage for Yugoslavia.

The purge hit Bulgaria in April, when Traicho Kostov became the third vice-premier in Eastern Europe; to be sacked.

Nowhere was the skillful Russian purge of the opposition more open than in Hungary, where the Foreign Minister, László Rajk, was dropped on Friday from the government. He was accused of having assisted his Fascist brother to escape from Hungary, of anti-Sovietism, and of being vindictive in persecuting anti-Communists.

There has been one setback for Malenkov, however. Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, has promoted the men Malenkov wanted dismissed.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

Programme Summary: 6.51, Children's Story: "Dragons and Unicorns"; 7.15, "The Swiftness"; 7.45, "The Swiftness"; 8.15, "The Swiftness"; 8.45, "The Swiftness"; 9.15, "The Swiftness"; 9.45, "The Swiftness"; 10.15, "The Swiftness"; 10.45, "The Swiftness"; 11.15, "The Swiftness"; 11.45, "The Swiftness"; 12.15, "The Swiftness"; 12.45, "The Swiftness"; 1.15, "The Swiftness"; 1.45, "The Swiftness"; 2.15, "The Swiftness"; 2.45, "The Swiftness"; 3.15, "The Swiftness"; 3.45, "The Swiftness"; 4.15, "The Swiftness"; 4.45, "The Swiftness"; 5.15, "The Swiftness"; 5.45, "The Swiftness"; 6.15, "The Swiftness"; 6.45, "The Swiftness"; 7.15, "The Swiftness"; 7.45, "The Swiftness"; 8.15, "The Swiftness"; 8.45, "The Swiftness"; 9.15, "The Swiftness"; 9.45, "The Swiftness"; 10.15, "The Swiftness"; 10.45, "The Swiftness"; 11.15, "The Swiftness"; 11.45, "The Swiftness"; 12.15, "The Swiftness"; 12.45, "The Swiftness"; 1.15, "The Swiftness"; 1.45, "The Swiftness"; 2.15, "The Swiftness"; 2.45, "The Swiftness"; 3.15, "The Swiftness"; 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It's Going To Be A Long, Hard Cold War

U.S. POLITICAL LEADERS EXPRESS OPINIONS

Washington, June 12.—Virtually at the climax of the conference of Foreign Ministers in Paris President Harry Truman and other administration leaders took to the country over the weekend to preach their conviction that it is going to be a long, hard cold war.

Mr. Truman has had daily reports from his Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, and if there is any hope at either the White House or the State Department for any kind of major agreement between the Western powers and Russia, it was not evident in those week end talks.

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Search For New Mayor

Many Aspirants For Honour

New York, June 12.—There is no lack of aspirants this year for a post which has been called the second most difficult in the United States—that of Mayor of New York's 8,000,000 people.

Mayor William O'Dwyer, after one term, this week flatly declared that he would not stand again.

At least 25 men prominent in the city's political and business life have been mentioned as possible successors.

Of those only one or two have indicated with any firmness that they are not interested.

Both Democratic and Republican Party leaders are scheduled to begin next week a round of parleys from which nominees will emerge.

For the Democrats the choice seems to be between a strong Party candidate or one who can command broad support from labour and other groups as Mayor O'Dwyer was able to do.

In Republican ranks some strategists also are seeking to choose a man who will have wide appeal to independent voters.

The former New York State Appeals Court Judge, Mr. Samuel Seabury, veteran crusader who helped to put the late Fiorello H. La Guardia in the City Hall, is active again in trying to build a new Republican fusion movement.

Both sides are certain to woo the up and coming Liberal Party which demonstrated its strength in the United States Congressional by-election triumph of Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr.

The Left-wing American Labour Party is considered likely to put up its own candidate.—Reuter.

Pope Proclaims New Saint

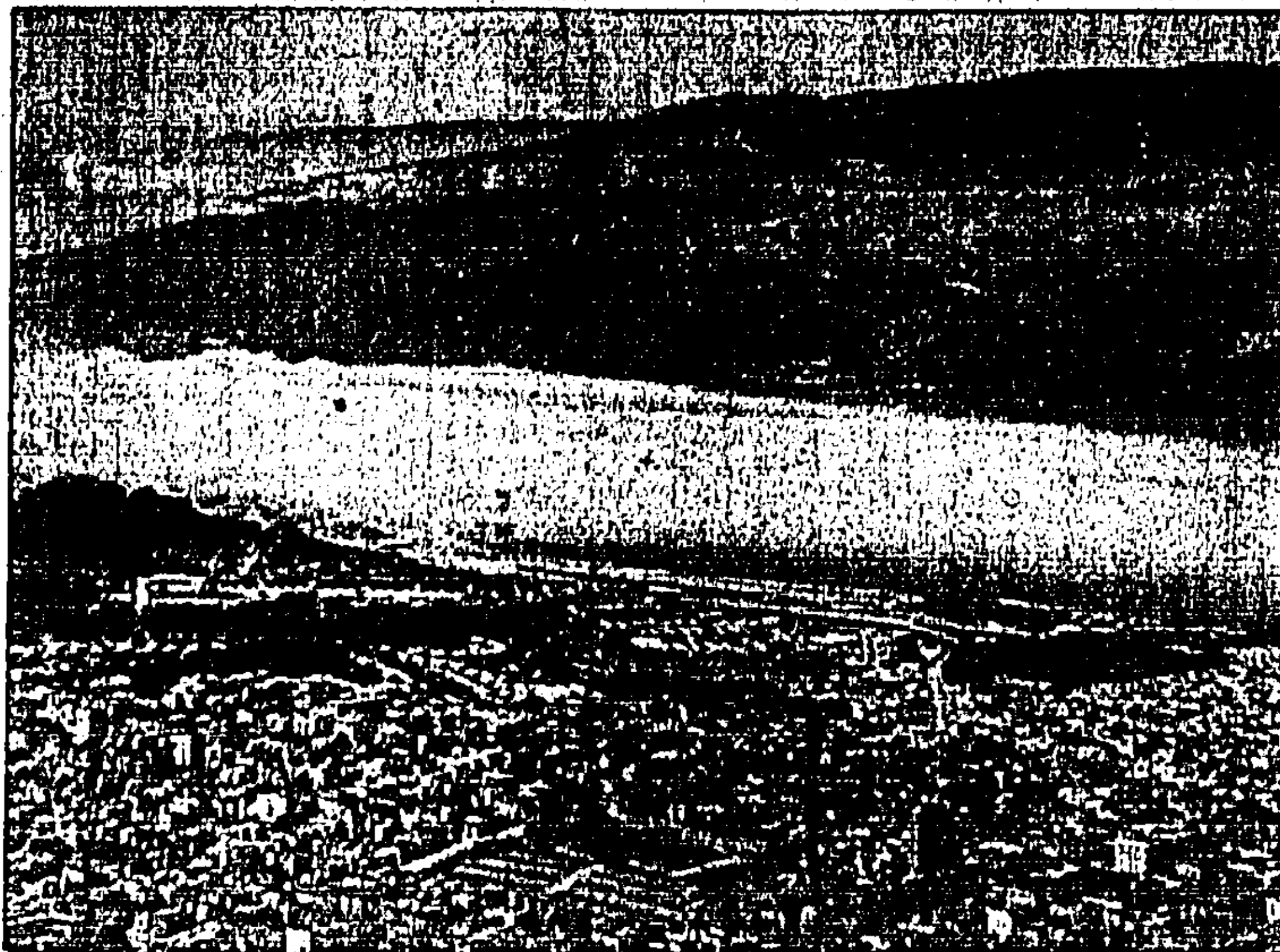
Rome, June 12.—Pope Pius XII today proclaimed Sister Maria Giuseppa Rosello a saint in a canonization ceremony at St. Peter's Basilica.

The service was attended by 12 Cardinals, 40 Archbishops and Bishops, the entire Papal Court, representatives of all religious orders and the whole diplomatic corps accredited to the Vatican.

The Pope set the saint's day for December 7, the date of her death in 1880.

The new saint was born in 1811 in the town of Albisola near Genoa and was brought up in poverty. She founded the institution of "Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy" for the education of "working class" girls.—United Press.

Nature's Air Conditioning



THE DANGEROUS MR EISLER

Comment By His Sister

London, June 12.—Miss Ruth Fischer of New York, a sister of Communist Gerhard Eisler, stated here tonight that she could not understand the British treatment of her brother, whom she described as one of the most important and dangerous agents of the Soviet secret police and the Cominform.

Miss Fischer, for many years a leading German Communist and member of the Executive of the Comintern, has broken with Communism and is now one of its most active opponents. She has been attending the Labour Party Conference at Blackpool and is going to the Continent of Europe to collect information for a further volume of her book "Stalin and German Communism."

Italian Reds To Oppose Pact

Rome, June 12.—The Communists served notice here today that they intend to make a major effort to block the ratification of the Atlantic Pact, due to be debated in the Italian Senate towards the end of this month.

They declared that "actions for the defence of peace must be immediately intensified and greatly extended" and promised further details shortly of a final mass protest meeting in Rome.

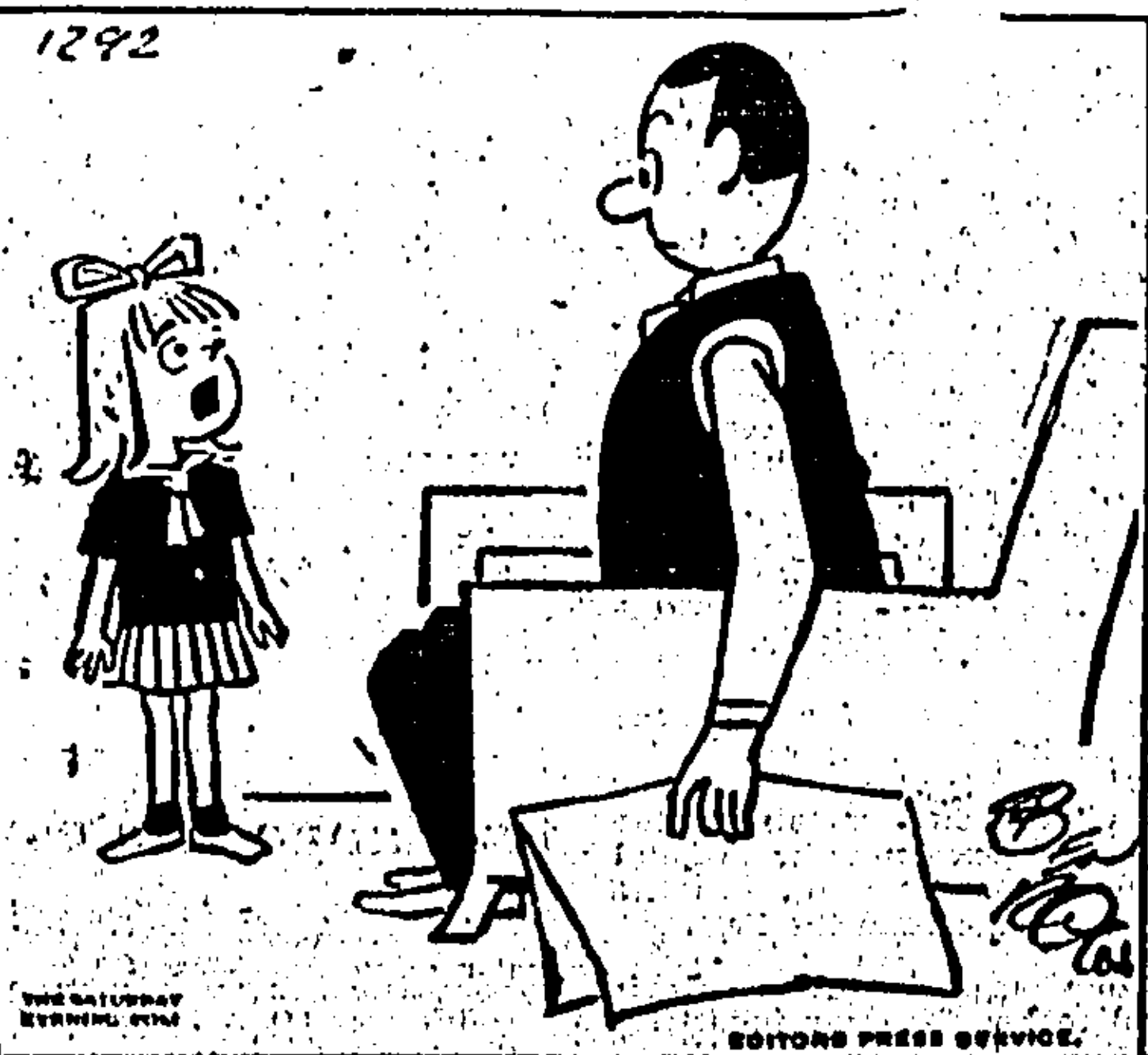
Political observers regarded this as foreshadowing another stormy session in the Chamber, reminiscent of the debate on the proposed treaty last March when filibustering Communists and Socialists kept Parliament in an uproar for days.

Ratification of the Atlantic Pact has been presented to the Italian Parliament as "urgent" by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Sforza.

The Treaty will be taken up by the Chamber's Foreign Affairs Commission this week.

The call for the drive against ratification was issued by the Communist-sponsored "National Committee for the Coordination of the Petition for Peace."

The Committee claimed that "hundreds of thousands" of signatories to the petition were ready to back the drive in the face of "Government intimidation and police intervention."—Reuter.



"Daddy, what's voluptuous?"

Nature turned on its "air conditioning" and fog poured through the Golden Gate to bring relief to the Bay Area following a record breaking 92 degrees on June 4. The incoming fog lowered the temperature reading by 23 degrees, to a comfortable 69. This airview takes in the Marin County hills in the background, the bridge partially obscured by fog, and a section of San Francisco in the foreground.—AP Picture.

ARMS AID TO EUROPE IN DANGER

U.S. Congress May Block Action

Washington, June 12.—Senator Robert Taft today said that "determined opposition" in Congress to the arms for Europe programme might block any action this year.

Democratic leaders are hesitant about bringing the issue to a showdown even though President Truman said yesterday that it was of "vital importance" in strengthening the free nations against the threat of aggression.

Mr. Truman will soon ask Congress to approve US\$1,450,000,000 of military equipment to the Atlantic Pact signatories, Greece and Turkey and some other "free nations," but his top lieutenants in Congress thus far have made no promises of action before the summer recess.

In the meantime, the administration faced another major test on new operating funds for the European recovery programme. Despite President Truman's plea against reductions, the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Kenneth McKellar, said he believed "about" US\$1,000,000,000—almost 25 percent—could be cut from the President's request.

STRONG OPPOSITION

Senator Taft, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said that so far as he was concerned there was "no necessity of even considering the arms plan" and observed, "There seems to be determined opposition to it so it may go over until the next session."

However, Senator Taft said flatly that he would vote for ratification of the Atlantic defence pact from which the arms programme springs. He said the Senator could support the 12-nation anti-aggression treaty without commitment for an arms plan.

The same approach is being taken by Senator Homer Caphart, usually a strong critic of the administration's foreign policy. Senator Caphart said he remained undecided about the arms programme and regarded that issue as "separate" from pact ratification.

Trouble for the arms programme loomed from Democratic quarters as well. Senator Allen Ellender, member of the Appropriations Committee, said he would insist that any funds for arms be drawn off the U.S. military budget, despite objections already lodged by the Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson.—United Press.

British Govt Leaders "Have Touch Of Forrestal's Disease"

Declares Konni Zilliacus

London, June 12.—Mr Konni Zilliacus, the "rebel" Member of Parliament who was recently expelled from the Labour Party, said tonight that the Government leaders had "more than a touch of Forrestal's disease," which had become "epidemic among Anglo-American politicians."

Speaking at the Congress of Peace, Trade and Friendship with the Soviet Union, Mr Zilliacus said of the suicide of Mr James Forrestal, former United States Defence Secretary: "The fact that the all-powerful United States Defence Secretary has been half off his head while still in office, and went stark, staring mad within 10 days of resigning, because of what was officially called occupational fatigue, is a matter of the greatest importance, the full implications of which should be faced by public opinion."

Earlier, Mr John Platts-Mills, Independent Labour Member of Parliament, said that the British Government was preparing to "capitulate" to American pressure to devalue the Pound Sterling. Mr Arthur Horner, Secretary of the British National Union of Mine-workers, told the Congress that nobody mattered in the world except the worker. He had just returned from the United States. "They have everything we have got in far greater quantity," he said. "There is nothing we can export to them but Scotch whisky and antique furniture."

URGE FOR PEACE

If war came, it would come from the contradiction in countries' economies. "If the trade struggle goes on, it will lead us to a conflict between the United States and Britain, rather than between us and Russia," he said.

Mr Leslie Hutchinson, Labour Member of Parliament, said that he had also just returned from a trip to the United States, where he had toured with Mr Henry Wallace, the American left wing leader.

The response among the American people for peace was great, he said.

He described the Truman Administration as "the most corrupt since the days of President Harding, and not only inefficient but Fascist."

As long as there were men like Mr Wallace in the United States, the world had a chance for peace, Mr Hutchinson added.

HEAVY PRICE

He declared that Britain had to take from America things they wanted to get rid of, such as hominy, for which Britain was paying a very heavy economic and political price.

Declarations of unshakable friendship to the Soviet people and a demand for the extension of trade between Britain and the Soviet Union were passed unanimously by the Congress, which was attended by 500 delegates representing two million British trade unionists, co-operative societies and cultural and professional bodies.

A declaration addressed to the Supreme Soviet and to Soviet organisations said that the Congress proclaimed its "unshakable friendship" for the declaration said.—Reuter.

ARTIFICIAL AURORA

Sydney, June 12.—A team of New South Wales scientists soon will begin experiments during which they hope to produce an artificial aurora 60 miles above the earth in northern New South Wales.

Professor V. A. Bailey, professor of experimental physics at Sydney University and who heads the team, believes they can produce an artificial aurora by shooting a beam of radio waves into the atmosphere 60 miles above the earth.

Bailey said the artificial aurora would appear similar to the moon but several times larger. If power of 1,000,000 kilowatts was available, the aurora would be strong enough to light 5,000 square miles of country as clearly as full moonlight.

Professor estimates it would cost at least A£250,000 to carry the experiments right through and produce a fairly strong glow but believes he can produce a faint glow with A£50,000.—United Press.

FOUND DEAD IN GERMAN FOREST

Darmstadt, June 12.—Konrad Goebbels, 57 year old brother of Nazi Germany's Propaganda Minister, was found dead in a forest near Huesfeldt today.

Police said he apparently died a few hours after he was released from Darmstadt labour camp after completing a three-year sentence last Friday. Heart failure or a stroke was believed to be the cause of his death, police said, but an autopsy of the body was ordered.—Associated Press.

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